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SUBJECT: Verification Interim Rule

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The interim rule *Verification of Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs* was published in the Federal Register on December 18, 2008 (73 FR 76847). The interim rule becomes effective February 17, 2009. A copy of the interim rule is enclosed for reference.

The interim rule implements provisions of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 regarding verification of free and reduced price applications for the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program. This information was previously incorporated in the 2008 edition of the "Eligibility Manual for School Meals."

Comments regarding the adopted policies can be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service by March 18, 2009. Include the title *Verification of Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price meals in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs* in your comments. Submissions can be made by the following methods:

- Online: Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- Fax: 703-305-2879, attention Robert Eadie.
- Mail: Mr. Robert Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1584.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.